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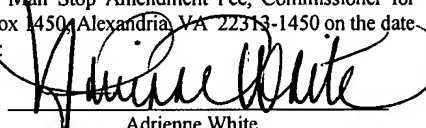


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This paper is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was September 23, 2004. Applicants are concurrently submitting a Petition for One Month Extension of Time to extend the response time to Monday, October 25, 2004. In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.